

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: North Slope Borough****Project Title:**

North Slope Borough - Search and Rescue Fuel and Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$ 75,000**House District: 40 - T**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Help cover the increased costs of fuel and replace outdated equipment for the search and rescue efforts of the North Slope Borough, Search and Rescue Department.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$75,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The North Slope Borough serves as the coordinator and command center for search and rescue efforts in the North Slope Borough and all surrounding villages. The NSB Search and Rescue team has also provided assistance to the oil and gas developers on the North Slope when necessary as they are the first responders to the area. In doing so they provide a vital service to the area. The region is known for its harsh climate and unpredictable weather making a reliable and well-equipped search and rescue team invaluable. From January 2007 to 2008, the NSB conducted 321 medevacs, 29 emergency flights, and 38 search and rescue missions. In the last several years, the cost of fuel has greatly impacted the search and rescue budget. In the region, a gallon of gas ranges from \$4.00 in Barrow to \$6.00 in the villages. Additionally, the search and rescue equipment needs continued maintenance and upgrading especially in the villages. If the villages have adequate equipment they can perform searches and the NSB does not have to deploy their planes saving money. The grant monies would be used to help cover the increased fuel costs and to maintain and upgrade the existing search and rescue equipment.

Project Timeline:

During the course of the fiscal year as searches and flights are carried out on an as needed basis.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

North Slope Borough

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No